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**For President---1912
WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT,
Of Ohio.****TAFT MEN ARE GETTING VOTES.**

In startling contrast to the insurgent campaign of abuse and peevishness the campaign of the Taft republicans is progressing with the quiet dignity of a really big movement. Taft has held the allegiance of the real republicans of California from the first, for, no matter how they may differ on local questions, the California members of the party will always remain loyal to their principals in the presidential year. Taft supporters are not calling names and wielding knives. They are proceeding systematically to pile up the majority for their candidate. The first gun in the campaign in this state showed the alignment. Republicans who had felt any anxiety over the California branch of the party were reassured by the demonstrations that followed the first call to arms.

The leaders of the republican party realized immediately that their work would be merely to help swell the majority. California's twenty-six delegates were easily for Taft on the first showing. In the meantime the opposition to the president has suffered from internal feuds. The thin ranks of the insurgents have been torn with dissension and will be still further torn as their destructive campaign advances. With their two leaders hating each other with a bitter hate and ready to take the stump against each other, the insurgent party of California will end where it began in jaundiced hate and jealousies.

It is a campaign of sneers that has been waged by Hiram Johnson and his followers. Advocates of destructive policies, they have sneered at the constructive policies of President Taft; as tax-eaters and job-holders they have sneered at the work which President Taft did toward securing the Panama-Pacific exposition. The epitome of the insurgent campaign is a sneer, the weak man's method of expressing his hatred of the big man. This is the admission of ineffectuality. When a man wears a sneer upon his face it means that he feels the superiority of his antagonist and admits to himself that he is beaten.

Roosevelt has never pointed out honestly any matter that showed Taft to be anything but the able and constructive man that he announced him to be when he held Taft up before the American people as the only logical candidate to succeed him at the end of his second term. This is because Roosevelt knows in his heart that Taft is all that he held him up to be; consequently he has adopted the sneering attitude, the offensive method of weak men and men who know that they are in the wrong. Johnson and his followers have adopted the same weapon. It is the only one left to them.

Meanwhile the Taft republicans are proceeding in a dignified manner. They have a list of substantial achievements to set before the people, against which the sneers of the peevish opposition appear all the more ineffectual.—S. F. Post.

CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS.

A local humorist is credited with having coined the declaration, "Ye cannot serve God and Tammany." True as that assertion is, it is like firing one more shot into a riddled hulk. It has long been the weakness of certain moralists to confine their criticism to evils that are far removed from their own field of social and political activity, while taking no interest in righting the wrongs near home.

The man who comments on the weaknesses and moral delinquencies of Tammany, at long distance, escapes adverse criticism and runs none of the risk encountered by a man on the firing line.

Men abused Tammany who during the struggle to free California from the grasp of the corruptionist never lifted a hand to aid the cause of honest and efficient state government.

Infinitely more dangerous than Tammany because wider in its power for evil, is the cause that is using the respected name of the president of the United States as a rallying point for every organized enemy of progressive government.

Four years ago Mr. Taft stood as the supposed embodiment of a great cause. Mr. Roosevelt believed in him. As a candidate for the presidency the people believed in Mr. Taft as one

who had publicly praised the administration of Mr. Roosevelt and unreservedly pledged himself to the cause Roosevelt represented, which was the cause of the people.

Today Mr. Taft commands the support of every interest that at that time condemned Mr. Roosevelt and the principles for which he stood, while every active progressive leader of the people who fought openly for those principles has lost faith in the president as a champion of the people.

If the American people could at this time bear in upon the consciousness of their president, who has deserted their cause and today stands as the reactionary candidate for the presidency, a convicting statement of his apostasy from the faith that made him president nearly four years ago, it could not possibly be couched in better and fewer words than these: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

The pending struggle is understood by the people to be between those predatory interests which are served by suppressing the will of the people and the masses who are victims of that contempt for the general welfare.

If Mr. Taft goes into the campaign as the republican nominee for the presidency, he must go to certain and overwhelming defeat. He will carry with him to that ignominious defeat the party that has, in spite of its mistakes and in spite of the men who have been untrue to its ideals, accomplished more for the uplift of mankind than any other party which any government has ever known.

The prostitution of such a party to the service of the organized powers of money shall not be accomplished without the greatest fight that has taken place on the floor of a political convention since the Civil war. The fighting blood of the people is up.—Los Angeles Express.

WILL CHINA MAKE GOOD?

It was to be expected that the sudden transition in China would furnish suggestion for the gloomy predictions as to the inability of her people to meet successfully the new responsibilities they have so recently assumed. China has been little known among civilized nations and considerably less understood. She has possessed a civilization of her own, the intellectual elements of which the Western mind may easily have underrated. Her people have been judged by standards common to other nations, and so judged, they have failed to receive credit for elements of mind and of character which closer students of Chinese life believe are to produce some surprises for the near future.

Every person at all sympathetic with the new movement in China hopes that by agreement of the powers her territorial integrity shall be fully guarded and that her people will thereby be afforded fair opportunity to work out their social and governmental problem unembarrassed by complication forced upon them from the outside, at a most critical time.

The world has popularly credited the Chinese with being an essentially illiterate people. Those who know, assert that this estimate of them is entirely unwarranted.

Professor Ross of the University of Wisconsin, who has made a close study of Chinese character, asserts that according to their own educational standards, quite the contrary is true of the Chinese as a whole.

The industry of the Chinese is proverbial. He is essentially thrifty. His economy is both inborn and intensified by cultivation. The Chinese mind is discriminating and alert. His honesty is a national characteristic. He is painstaking, faithful and accurate. He is employed in foreign banks in Japan in preference to the Japanese because of his superior qualities in the position where alertness, accuracy, industry and mental capacity and concentration are indispensable to such institutions.

The outside world has much to learn about the Chinese. Those who know declare that the home life of the people presents many phases to excite the profitable envy of the Westerners. No where else is the family tie so sacred. To the Chinese, other peoples comprise what they are pleased to term the "Baby Nations."

They have been content to be retrospective, exclusive and secretive to a degree that has prevented an appreciation of their character and qualities.

While the Chinese were concealing the greatest evidences of their appreciation of themselves behind the walls of the forbidden city, they were sending their brightest young men and some of their brightest young women to study and compare other civilizations.

The result of that policy is the sudden transformation which is causing them to adopt in form at least the most enlightened of all educational systems.

It will probably be discovered that the Chinese have vastly more to contribute and apply to their own newly-adopted policy than their critics are willing to admit. The future progress of China will force the confession that the Chinese have been little understood.

Now if the politicians who have been contemptuously referring to the common people as occupants of the "bleachers" will attend the baseball opening for the season next Monday in the Pacific Coast league they will get a fairly accurate idea of the part the bleachers really play in the game.

Parks, playgrounds and other public enterprises for the general good have a strictly economic as well as moral and esthetic value. It was recently figured out that the public grounds of Madison, Wis., have added from 10 to 15 per cent to the assessed valuation of the city.

It is to be expected that Roosevelt will ere fraud against every district that does not cast its vote for him.

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